

STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) ON SENATE FLOOR,
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MR. PRESIDENT, on Friday, May 13, I was in San Francisco, California, and there I witnessed a sorry and distressing spectacle. The House Subcommittee on Un-American Activities was holding hearings in San Francisco as a part of its continuing effort to document the activities of Communists and subversives in our country.

During the course of the hearings on Friday, there was a riot which required strenuous efforts of police to subdue. Sixty-four persons were arrested.

The persons who participated in that riot were, for the most part, students. Undoubtedly, the riot was inspired and incited by Communists or fellow travelers. This display was a sad commentary on the lack of self-discipline and moral training of the young people involved. It also illustrates the degree to which enemies of our government, whether they be Communists or fellow travelers, are distorting American concepts and twisting and warping the minds of many of the young people in the United States. Mr. President, this incident should serve to impress on our minds the fact that Communist efforts to misdirect and mislead the formative minds of the youth of the United States is every bit as dangerous, if not more so, than their spying and espionage activities in this country. We should spare no effort to rid our educational institutions and our whole society of those who exert these un-American influences and to counter these subversive efforts by our own examples and teachings of patriotism and moral stamina.

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